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SUBJ: BUTHELEZI VISIT TO US

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1. CHIEF BUTHELEZI INFORMED CONOFF JULY 14 HE HAS ACCEPTED URBAN LEAGUE INVITATION TO ADDRESS THEIR AUGUST MEETING (REF A). WHILE UNSURE OF DETAILS OF TRIP, HE EXPECTS TO BE IN WASHINGTON AND NY APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 10-15. VERNON JORDAN OF URBAN LEAGUE IS ARRANGING ITINERARY AND WILL KNOW EXACT TRAVEL PLANS. BUTHELEZI EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO MEET WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG AT USUN. CHIEF INDICATED HE THOUGH URBAN LEAGUE WAS ARRANGING SOME CALLS FOR HIM BUT DID NOT KNOW WITH WHOM. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH URBAN LEAGUE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

2. BUTHELEZI AND HIS INKATHA MOVEMENT ARE VIGOROUSLY ENGAGED IN ASSERTING THEIR PREDOMINANCE AMONG BLACK GROUPS ON THE INTERNAL S.A. POLITICAL SCENE. INKATHA HAS NOW FORMALLY ADOPTED A POLICY (BEING REPORTED SEPTEL) OF USING THE MOVEMENT AS A TYPE OF POLICING MECHANISM FOR THE VARIOUS EMPLOYMENT CODES BEING URGED ON SOUTH AFRICAN FIRMS (SEE CONFIDENTIAL

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ALSO REF B). BUTHELEZI WILL COME TO THE U.S. IMBUE NOT ONLY WITH A NEW SENSE OF SELF-IMPORTANCE (FOLLOWING THE BERGSTRAESSER REPORT REF C) BUT ALSO WITH AN INDICATION THAT HE IS READY TO BEGIN USING HIS CAREFULLY BUILT INKATHA ORGANIZATION TO INFLUENCE EVENTS WITHIN S.A. ITSELF. RECALLING SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH AROSE WITH HIS LAST U.S. VISIT IN FEBRUARY-MARCH 1977 (REF D), IT MAY BE

DESIREABLE TO PRE-ARRANGE U.S. APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM.
EMBASSY PRETORIA MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THIS AS WELL AS ON
THE RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF CONTACTS.
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